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### **Update on the Fund Council Intellectual Property Group (FCIP)**

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Update on FCIP Group*

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## **Update on the FC Intellectual Property Group**

The Fund Council Intellectual Property (FCIP) Group was established under the CGIAR Principles on the Management of Intellectual Assets approved by the Fund Council and Consortium Board as part of the Common Operational Framework in March 2012.

As defined in the approved terms of reference (ToR), the FCIP Group's role is "to facilitate coordination between the Fund Council and the Consortium by working in cooperation with the Consortium with regard to the implementation of the CGIAR IA Principles and advising the Fund Council in order to enable it to provide adequate oversight of Intellectual Asset management in the CGIAR while safeguarding sensitive and confidential information."

A key responsibility of the Group is to receive and examine, on behalf of the Fund Council, the annual consolidated IA report and other IA-related information (e.g. Limited Exclusivity Agreement, Restricted Use Agreement or IP application, etc). A high level CGIAR IA report on the implementation of the IA principles in the preceding year is also expected to be submitted by the Consortium to the Fund Council by the end of May<sup>1</sup> of each year after consultation with the FCIP Group. The high level CGIAR IA Report is made available to the public.

The following membership composition of the FCIP Group was endorsed by the Fund Council on March 6, 2013:

Bram de Jonge (Wageningen University)  
Paul Figueroa (USAID)  
Maria Jose Amstalden Sampaio (Embrapa)  
ISPC Representative (will serve as alternate to be designated by the ISPC Chair)

### **FCIP Group Work Program & Budget for 2013**

The FCIP Group held its first telephone conference on March 21 primarily to review its ToR and mode of operation. The main objective of the FCIP Group in 2013 is to work with the Consortium on the initial implementation of the CGIAR IA Principles. A second telephone conference held on March 28 provided an opportunity to share comments on the draft implementation guidelines prepared by the Consortium. The bulk of the Group's task will be undertaken as soon as it receives the 2013 consolidated IA Report from the Consortium. The

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<sup>1</sup> The submission date for 2013 is end of August to give more time for consolidation of the Centers' individual IA reports.

Group will provide its views and advice to the Fund Council based on its reading and consideration of the report.

In carrying out its work, it is envisaged that most of the interactions among members of the Group will take place virtually/on line (i.e. through emails, telephone/skype conferences). The Fund Office will provide support to the FCIP Group and coordinate with the Consortium Office. In the discussion of its mode of operation, the members of the Group strongly felt that a face-to-face meeting in early September at the Consortium Office in Montpellier would be important and necessary when the Group considers the Consortium's first submission of the IA report. For this purpose, \$25,000 from the FO's 2013 budget will be allocated to cover the Group's travel costs (airfares, hotel rooms and per diem).

It is expected that a written commentary on the Consortium's IA report would be provided by the FCIP Group for FC's consideration at FC10 in Nov 2013.